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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY Geography Division, ORR

Project Initiation Memorandum

To:

Chief, Geographic Research

Project No.: 61.1797

From:

Chief, Geography Division

Date: 24 August 1959

- 1. Subject of Proposed Project: Study of Aspects Relevant to Sabotage of China-North Vietnam Railways and Roads.
- 2. Statement of Problem: (Outline to be attached)

Information on the following is desired:

- a. Best locations for combined watch of China-North Vietnam rail lines and roads in China-North Vietnam border area.
- b. Importance of these lines in regard to strategic and tactical support to North Vietnam from Communist China.
- c. Two particular areas for selection of DZ's.
- d. Escape and evasion routes from DZ areas to Laos, Burma, or

3. Requester:

/ South Vietnam

4. Responsible Analyst and Branch:

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- 5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:
 - a. Other Divisions of the G Area (include maps): Maps from D/GL possibly.
 - b. D/GL Domestic Procurement:
 - c. Other parts of CIA: CIA Library. Graphics Register, OCR, for seriel photography.

Possibly Transportation Branch, Services Division, ERA, for study on "b" of Item 2 above.

- 6. Estimated Man Hours in D/GG: 50 hours
- 7. Probable Completion Date: 31 August 1959
- 8. Probable Form of Final Publication: CIA/RR G/I 59-43
- 9. Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report: Requester only plus file copies.

10. Comments:

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